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Recruitment Savvy

It seems like only yesterday...

Recruitment has never been a problem for this new group of young gentlemen. The original group of ten men in February 2005 grew to twenty-eight in but two months. In April 2005, these twenty-eight men became a Colony, and it was then time to pursue the ultimate goal: Installation.

The new number to attain was forty-five men in order to get the Charter back—to be Installed. At the beginning of the year, just before September's IFC Formal Rush, the Alpha Iota Colony held elections for its 2005-2006 officers. Shortly thereafter, the group "lost some dead weight," and found itself at but 22 members.

Gearing up for Formal Rush, the Alpha Iota Founding Fathers gathered at Dunn Meadow for the Kick-off gathering, to meet potential recruits—to schmooze and shake hands. And that they did...



Photo by: Pat Giese

Workin' the crowd at IFC Formal Rush Kick-Off in Dunn Meadow, Sept. 9, 2005

Before long, the group held recruitment events including (but not limited to) a Pizza/Football night and a Cigar/Poker night. What seemed to be a great class of recruits soon grew into a high caliber mass of outstanding New Members. And as of October 5, 2005, the fiftieth Founding Father of Alpha Iota Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity signed his bid. From twenty-two to fifty men in a month. Simply incredible.

Highest Fraternity GPA on Campus

"I believe in the primacy of Alma Mater..."
... yes, we do.

On Monday, October 3, 2005, President Ray Vanlanot received a notice from the Indiana University Student Activities Office informing the group that with the latest updated roster, Theta Chi surpassed Phi Gamma Delta's 3.01 with a 3.194, mov-

ing into First Place for Fraternity GPAs campus-wide. This is an incredible accomplishment, new group or not, and the excitement is just beginning.

The class of twenty-eight New Members is projected to even further increase the GPA, as they too have academically sound histories. It seems as though the sky is the limit to what this group can do, but having the Highest GPA is a hell of a start.

President's Corner: Ray Vanlanot

To me, our group is like a '67 Shelby: 0-60mph in no time at all.

I was told that we had probably broken some records as far as recruitment is concerned. Sure, breaking records is great, but there seems to be something more to our group than simply numbers. Our growth is not necessarily quantified in the number of men we have. It is not qualified by the recently incessant sorority dinner and event invitations. It is not even justified by our academic ex-

cellence. No, I believe the underlying theme in this group, however new the group may be, is brotherhood. It is true, we will not be brothers until we are installed.. We haven't lived in a house together for four years. But there's a sense of togetherness, a sense of belonging, a sense of brotherhood that I'm sure each and every one of you experienced during your "reign" at Indiana University as Theta Chi's.

I can't think of too many 18-22 year olds whose names I'd feel

comfortable signing my name next to. However, with each New Member, that's one more guy I can relate to. One more guy to run a committee. One more guy to hang out with on a Friday night. One more guy to add to our growth in brotherhood. We have yet to tap the incredible potential of this group. And as President—like the '67 Shelby—I look forward to burning all of the other groups off the line, 0-60 mph.

- RV



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The one-on-one approach, Formal Rush 2005

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Danny Hall, VP

A few Words from the VP: Danny Hall

The progress this fraternity has made in the past six months has been outstanding in every aspect. Recruiting is probably the biggest surprise to many of the men because it seems we always have fifteen to twenty new guys at every recruiting event. When this year first started, I thought recruiting was definitely going to be our biggest area of con-

cern because we didn't have a house and we were a smaller group. Formal rush completely diminished those thoughts because to my surprise, many guys were very interested in us, almost too many! Due to our large colony, the focus is shifted from recruitment to organization. We have five active committees: Social, Intramural, Philanthropy, Ap-

parel, and Standards Board. Over the past few weeks, these committees have done a great job of representing Theta Chi academically, athletically, and most importantly—socially.

The strides this group is making are unbelievable. As Vice President, I could not have asked for a better group of guys to call my brothers. - DH

Marshal's Update: Blake Pickett

As you all probably heard, we have just eclipsed that magical number of fifty.

Now, we are on switching our focus to the task at hand: building a successful fraternity. That starts with education and set-

ting down a list of expectations held to those who belong to Theta Chi Fraternity.

That being said, the new member education program is underway, as is the Big Brother program. As men join our group, they will be educated on all of you, those who paved the way for the Alpha Iota

Chapter, as well as the national history that is held in the highest esteem.

We all have a lot to learn, and any input you may have (for better or worse) is greatly appreciated! - BP

The men get a bit of wisdom, thanks to brothers McIntosh and Hoffman



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ΘX Retreat: Fall 2005, McCormick's Creek



Photo by: Pat Giese

A successful Saturday is all it took to blend the old with the new.

On September 24, 2005, the group of 41 men took a trip to McCormick's Creek State Park for the

A mix of old and new manning the grill

first annual Alpha Iota Fall Retreat. In between discussions and brotherhood building activities, the men threw the football, played washers, and cooked

out on the grill.

Some discussions included a "What's Next?" topic presented by brother and CAB Chairman, Kevin McIntosh, and a "Where's our House?" topic presented by brother and Alumni Corporation

President, Warren Hoffman. These are two of our most active alumni advisors, and we thank them for their time and talents. At the end of the day, the men—Alumni, Founding Fathers, and New Members—left with a deep sense of satisfaction and brotherhood.

Other activities of the day included a goals discussion and exercise, and a Reverse Candle-Pass exercise (compliments of brother and CAB Advisor, Myles Smith).

Remember, you're all welcome to our next retreat!

"Let's keep our momentum and let it carry us into the spring,"
Eric Beckley, RC

Recruitment 101: Eric Beckley

Recruitment this fall can not be called anything but a success. The quality of men, their character, and ambition is a reflection of the hard work we have put in. Let's keep our momentum and let it carry us into the spring. New members have already begun work on committees and are quickly becoming involved every way they can to help lay the foundation of Theta Chi for

years to come.

Regarding our recruitment, New Member, Jonathan Carter, had a few words to add:

"I was not impressed with many of the fraternities during Formal Rush; however, the men of Theta Chi made a lasting impression on me. The Rush representatives conversed with each of the recruits in small groups and made us all feel

very welcome. All the Theta Chi's are good men, and they recruited good men also. They knew who the people were who would strive to make something of themselves and their fraternity, not be just another number in a frat. I knew from the start that this group of guys was the right group for me."

Enough said. - EB

Scholarship Update: John Schneider

As you have already read we have the highest GPA on campus and this is all thanks to a variety of reasons.

The first is the study table program we have set up. It allows the men to go to the library 2 hours a week to study and obtain help if needed. As many of the older men have taken similar classes to those of the New Members, they are able to

help with questions and advice.

Along with study tables we are in the process of setting up a system to allow any Alpha Iota in need to contact other brothers that are taking the class they need help in. This is a program that will be up and running by months end. Thank you for all of your support. - JS



The colonized group, April 30, 2005... many men ago!



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⊗X Alpha Iota Quick-View Update

- **#1 IU Fraternity GPA, Fall 2005**
- **50 men strong, October 5, 2005**
- **Intramural Whiffle-ball Champions**
- **2nd Runner Up, AXΩ Volleyball Classic**
- **Homecoming Alumni Tailgate, October 8, 2005 (contact specialtlk@aol.com)**
- **Every Thursday night, 9:15pm:**
Buffalo Wild Wings
1350 W. Bloomfield Rd.
Bloomington, IN 47403
- **New Member Ed. and Chapter meetings, Sundays at 5pm, IMU (rooms vary)**

“Extending a Helping Hand”



New Member Thoughts

“You guys have put a lot of hard work and time into Theta Chi to make it what it is today and I am very proud to be apart of that. I am really looking forward to the coming years, getting the house back, and all the cool [stuff] that we are all going to experience and how close we all are going to become,” *Greg Cox, New Member*

“It really feels great to join such a great group of men. It has only been a few weeks but I already feel incredibly close to this group. I look forward to growing and learning with this group for the next few years,” *Mike Weidman, New Member*

“I think that all of the guys involved in Theta Chi are top shelf, and that our

colony is shaping up to be something we can all be proud of. Being a new member is an honor, and I look forward to getting to know everyone better, learning the history of Theta Chi, and being able to represent our fraternity as well as I am able, and to



Photo by Pat Giese

New and old members enjoying the weekly trip to Buffalo Wild Wings. Join us any Thursday, at 9:15pm! (see above for location)

project our values and spirit to everyone at IU, to build a commendable reputation for myself as well as the members of Theta Chi,” *Matt Strausburg, New Member*

“When I was looking for a fraternity during formal rush, I wanted to find an organization that would be there for me during my days on campus and after I graduate. Theta Chi fit that bill for me. I had been debating between Theta Chi and another fraternity, but once I had talked to some members of Theta Chi about there beliefs and standards, I knew that there was no way I could go wrong by joining them as a man of Theta Chi fraternity,” *Dan Eardley, New Member*